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San Wong, Director

## State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

### Agenda for Biweekly Conference Call

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

[8:00 PM – 9:00 PM] - All Members – Statewide

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864127639>

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**Present:** Achinteya Jayaram, Vice Chair; Brenda Koumondji; Cody Messer; David Lee; Drake Luong; Eric Johnson; Jemma Bullock; Jordy Cambara; Lily Glenn, Chair; Reyna Roach; Rhett Ellerbroek;; Volta Adovor

**Staff:** Kayla Powell

**Others:** None

**Absent:** Hannah Dillehay; Lulu Roarick; Nevaeh Stover, Sophia Polking; Tate Giesemann; Trey Voeller, Secretary;

#### **I. Welcome & Roll Call**

At 8:04PM, L. Glenn starts the meeting

L. Glenn takes roll call

#### **II. Approve Minutes**

At 8:12 PM L.Glenn asks for a motion to approve 04/02 meeting minutes

Moved by Reyna, seconded by Jordy

#### **III. Debrief Conversation with HHS Leadership**

At 8:12 PM, L. Glenn asks for any feedback from the previous SIYAC meeting with HHS.

R.Roach said it overall went well but had some hesitant thoughts about moving forward.

L.Glenn agreed, saying that sometimes adults have a hard time communicating with young adults, then asked how there could be a better way to do so.

V. Adovor answered, saying that according to Rob Sand, there should be a need to talk about issues and remove our emotions from a debate. She followed up by saying Reyna went about it in the way they should have.

#### **IV. Graduation Cords**

At 8:17 PM, L.Glenn started to discuss graduation cords and read over what she wrote.

At 8:18 PM, L.Glenn talked about how she wanted the graduation cords to be an “incentive” and have the honor cord be something that SIYAC members look at and see how they can receive it when she came up with the idea.

At 8:20 PM, D. Lee agreed, saying that having it as a participation thing takes away the value of it and shows the extent of which you’ve had on the organization.

At 8:21 PM, L.Glenn explained her reasoning for making it based off of the silver cords at graduation.

At 8:22 PM, R. Ellerbroek stated that his school didn’t do silver cords as some people at his school could not even get a silver cord due to working instead of volunteering and raised a similar point to these cords for different schools.

At 8:24 PM, L.Glenn explained that SIYAC members would have to ask for the cord and they could ask for it for their high school or college graduation and it would be up to the member to make sure they’re fulfilling their requirement for it.

At 8:26 PM, R. Ellerbroek said that it might be better to have them given out at the end of the second year term, where certificates are handed out to make it easier, and L.Glenn said she understood.

At 8:29 PM, a vote was determined to see if the policy would be passed. Moved by R. Roach, seconded by V. Adovor. The policy was fully approved.

At 8:32 PM, R.Ellerbroek asked if it could be up to the student to decide.

At 8:35 PM, another roll call vote was determined to see if it was should be yes for SIYAC members choosing or no, we should decide. With 2 abstains (L. Glenn and A. Jayaram) and 10 “Yes”, the policy was approved.

## **V. Member Spotlight**

At 8:37 PM, L.Glenn introduced the work that J.Cambara is doing with his school.

At 8:38 PM, J.Cambara explained that he is putting period products in his school bathrooms and talked about how he started to connect with different organizations in his school and community. He was featured in his news, started a GoFundMe (currently at \$1508) and will be conducting more interviews at his school. Received a call from California from gofundme and asked if they could get permission to be interviewed by his local school journal. He is currently supplying his own school and plans to expand it to other high schools, middle schools, and other districts around him. He is also talking to schools in South Dakota and Nebraska as well. He's very excited for what's to come next.

At 8:43 PM, L.Glenn commended him on the work he did on it. J.Cambara added that he is trying to advocate for the same thing with more help in the next year.

## **VI. 4th Quarterly Planning**

At 8:44 PM, L.Glenn and K.Powell started making plans for 4th Quarterly.

First decision: should the decision be kept for June 19th (national holiday) or move it. B. Koumondji suggests it would be best to move it, and V. Adovor agreed. The 24th was proposed, but some people said they had issues with that date. Wednesday the 21st was proposed as well, and most people seemed to agree with it.

At 8:48 PM, R.Roach motioned to approve the new date and R. Ellerbroek seconded. It was passed unanimously.

Second decision: the location. Ames was brought up, both as S.Polking said she couldn't do Carroll and D.Lee said he could do a project there. R.Ellerbroek and V.Adovor proposed Waterloo/Cedar Falls. D.Lee said that he preferred Ames as he didn't have contacts in Waterloo/Cedar Falls, so he would have to get contacts with programs there. Ames, he could schedule things for. R.Ellerbroek and V.Adovor said Cedar Falls as they were thinking about places that SIYAC hadn't been to yet, including cleaning up the community and homelessness, as well as how as a state, many things are talked about in Waterloo but nothing is really done there. V.Adovor talked about programs she thought were interesting, and B. Koumondji also agreed that the programs were good.

Drives were brought up, as well as the centralization of the cities.

At 8:55 PM, a roll call vote was brought up to determine the location. Abstain, Waterloo, Ames, Abstain, Ames, Ames, Abstain, Abstain, Abstain, Waterloo, Waterloo, Waterloo

3 Abstains, 3 Ames, 6 Waterloo.

Motion to table by D. Lee, seconded by J. Bullock. Vote has been tabled for further discussion.

At 9:00 PM, R. Ellerbroek and D. Lee talked about seeing if they could move the meeting location later on if a service project couldn't be identified in Waterloo, and K. Powell said it would not be ideal because of the approval process that has to take place to rent a venue and make a catering order, but would accommodate what SIYAC decided. R. Ellerbroek and V. Adovor said it wouldn't be a bad idea to cold contact some organizations.

At 9:06, D. Lee motioned and V. Adovor seconded to vote on the location. With 3 abstentions (L. Glenn, A. Jayaram, and J. Cambara) and 9 for Waterloo, Waterloo will be SIYAC's 4th Quarterly location.

## **VII. Discussion and Updates**

Pushed to next meeting due to running over time

## **VIII. Good of the Order**

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## **IX. Public Comment**

At 9:09 PM, C. Messer asked what the role of abstaining meant and L. Glenn explained the reasoning for some people.

## **X. Adjournment**

At 9:10 PM, the call was adjourned

Motion to adjourn by \_V. Adovor\_\_

R. Roach\_\_\_\_ seconds the motion

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,  
Achinteya Jayaram,  
Vice-Chair

\*Next meeting is Sunday, April 30, 2023 @ 8:00 PM